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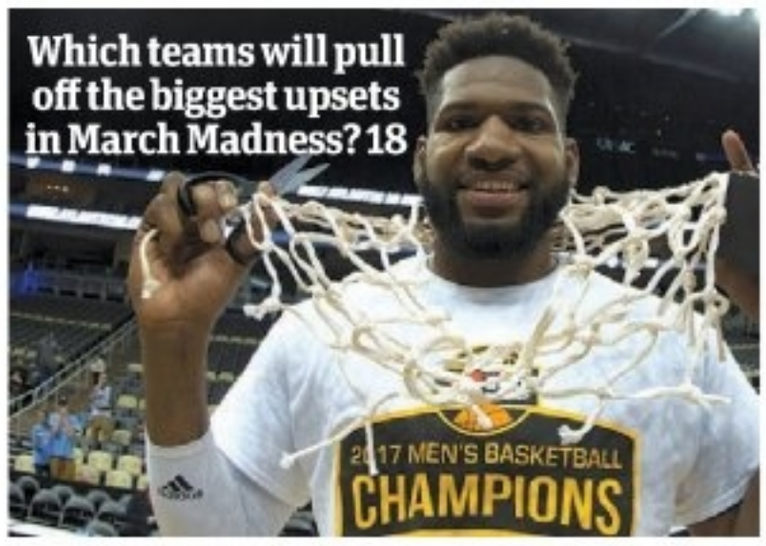

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Despite the wind, snow and sleet, the storm never reached the catastrophic levels predicted by forecasters. 4

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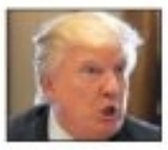
CLIMATE CHANGE TO BE CUT FROM REVIEWS

1 President Donald Trump is set to sign an order to greatly reduce the role climate change plays in decision making across the U.S. government, Bloomberg reported, citing a person familiar with the administration's plan. The order, which could be signed this week, aims to reverse former Democratic President Barack Obama's broad approach for addressing climate change, the report said. The directive will urge



the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to undo the Clean Power Plan, the Bloomberg report said. The Clean Power Plan is Obama's centerpiece initiative to combat climate change, requiring states to slash emissions of carbon dioxide, but it was never implemented due to legal challenges launched by several Republican states. REUTERS

MILITARY HEADS GRILLED OVER NUDE PHOTOS

2 Senators grilled the Navy and the Marine Corps' top leaders amid a growing scandal involving a private Facebook group and its surreptitious distribution of explicit images of women in the armed forces — often with obscene, misogynist commentary. The Facebook group, called "Marines United," is reported to have nearly 30,000 followers, including active-duty U.S. Marines, Marine Corps veterans and British Royal Marines. "If we can't crack Facebook, how are we supposed to be able to confront Russian aggression and cyberhacking throughout our military?" Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand asked during a Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing. Gillibrand said online harassment had become evident as early as 2013 and military leaders were made aware of it but have still been unable to stop it. REUTERS

ROCKET LAUNCH IN FLA. DELAYED DUE TO WINDS

3 Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX, on Tuesday delayed the launch of a rocket set to carry a commercial communications satellite into orbit, because of high winds at its Florida launch site. Wind gusts of up to 25 mph at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida forced SpaceX to scrub the launch of the Falcon 9 rocket that was to have put into orbit EchoStar XXIII, a commercial

communications satellite for EchoStar Corporation, the privately owned company said on social network Twitter. "Standing down due to high winds; working toward next available launch opportunity," the company messaged moments after the launch window opened. REUTERS

WINTER STORM

5 Residents work on snow removal as Philadelphia is hit by Winter Storm Stella on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FRANCE'S FILLON UNDER FRAUD INVESTIGATION

4 French presidential candidate Francois Fillon was put under formal investigation by magistrates on suspicion of embezzling state funds — a move that may ruin the right-winger's hopes of winning power in May. Fillon's campaign has been dogged by allegations he lavishly paid his British wife Penelope and two of his children hundreds of thousands of euros of public money for assistance, but he has refused to pull out of the presidential race. The former prime minister had been due to meet investigators on Wednesday but, in a surprise move, the meeting was brought forward by 24 hours. The 63-year-old conservative candidate was put under formal investigation on suspicion of diverting public funds, complicity in misappropriating funds, receiving the funds and not declaring assets fully, a judicial source said. REUTERS

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KATE MOONEY, FEATURES EDITOR

Americans' sex lives have become a bit sad in recent years, sexperts say. Too many hours at the office, Too much attention to Twitter. Whatever the reason, couples don't seem to be coupling like they once did. But you can learn how to reignite the relationship on **metro.us.**

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Stella's hail and sleet punish Philadelphia

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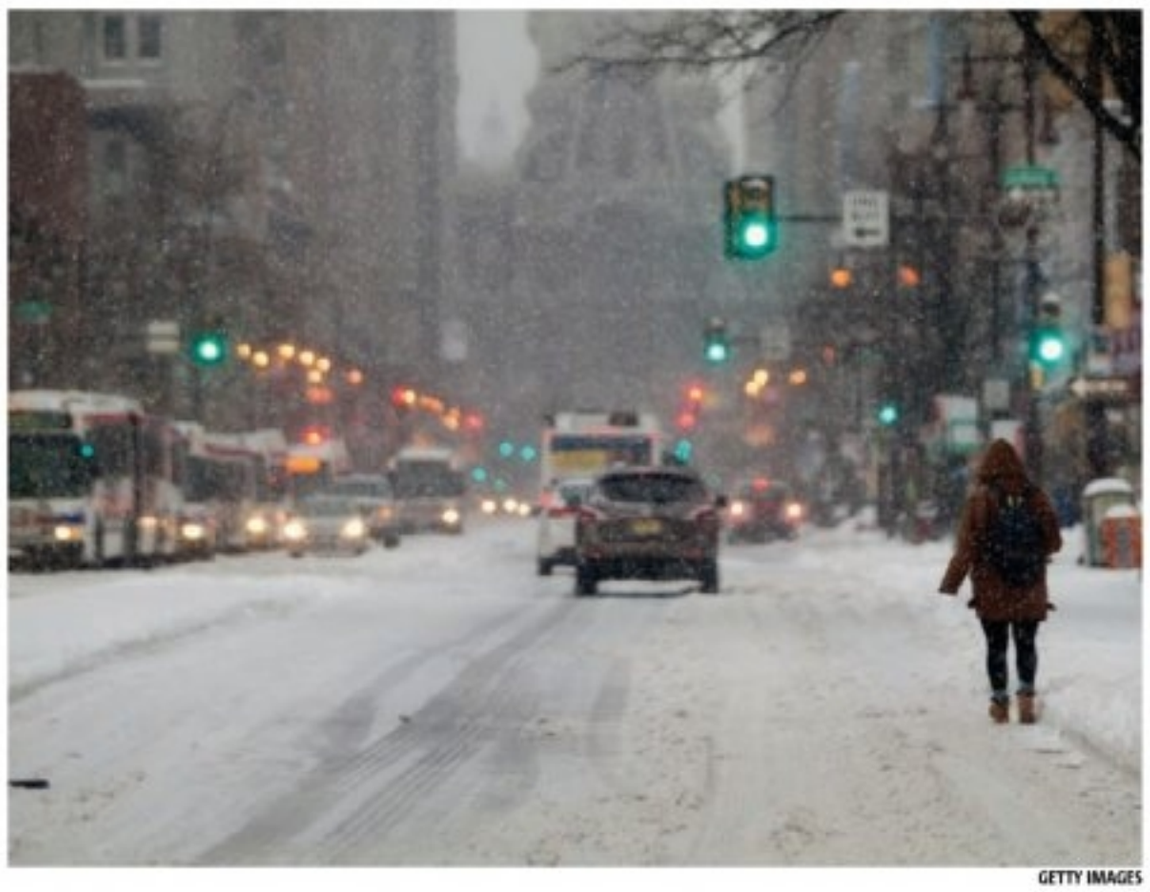

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The thick, wet snow that coated Philadelphia Tuesday morning after a night of frozen rain and the declaration of a snow emergency gave residents a nice excuse for a lazy day.

The city was spared the brunt of the blizzard that swept through the Northeast, grounding thousands of flights, canceling classes and pummeling those who ventured out onto snowbound streets.

Few Philadelphians ventured out for much of the day as Winter Storm Stella lingered. Those who did were met with hail and sleet whipped around by powerful wind gusts topping out at up to 50 mph.

All told, around 5 to 7 inches of snow fell on the city.

Municipal office openings were delayed until 10 a.m., but schools were closed.

SEPTA trains remained fully operational but the majority of SEPTA bus lines were suspended early Tuesday morning as hail and sleet fell, causing severe transportation issues. Many of the routes remained suspended or detoured, and riders were urged to visit SEPTA's website to check for service updates.

"It happened very quickly that, all of a sudden, a lot of buses started to get stuck," SEPTA general manager Jeffrey Knueppel said at an early afternoon news conference on Tuesday.

Depending on how long storm recovery takes, it might not be possible to bring all bus routes back to full service and without detours by Wednesday, he said.

"The weather and related service impacts will continue to evolve," he said.

Philadelphia lifted its snow emergency at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, and announced schools would reopen on Wednesday. Regular trash collection would also resume.

The wind and freezing rain knocked out power to thousands in Philly. PECO reported up to 3,500 customers were without service Tuesday morning. By early evening, a few hundred were still without power.

The storm dropped about as much snow as predicted, with 7 inches reported in Center City, and closer to 5 inches recorded around outer parts of the city. Last month, Mayor Jim Kenney closed schools in preparation for an expected snowstorm that never appeared. The Feb. 10 storm wound up with just a few inches on the ground.

Tuesday was different, as Stella delivered snow, sleet and strong winds throughout much of the Northeast.

Other parts of Pennsylvania were not spared, with Mount Pocono getting 24 inches of snow.

While the storm was expected to move on by Tuesday night, that didn't mean Philly's snow problems will be completely solved.

Freezing temperatures are expected through the next few days. Wednesday should see more snow showers later in the day, with a high of 29 degrees, dipping down to 19 at night.

"There will remain some blowing and drifting snow overnight, and as temperatures drop this evening and overnight, untreated surfaces that have slushy conditions will likely refreeze," the National Weather Service Mountt Holly station said on Tuesday.

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PREPARATIONS

'Wine forecast' went viral

A Philadelphia meteorologist's report about preparing for the storm went viral on the internet, but not for its practical advice.

The report seemed to answered the question: How much wine to buy today."

A screenshot of a report by Chris Sowers, a veteran meteorologist with 6ABC, was actually photoshopped to depict him giving a "wine forecast" before the storm.

The photoshopped graphic replaced the projected snow accumulation in the area with the number of bottles of wine a person might need to weather the blizzard.

The bottle-counts ranged from a single bottle for residents in Wildwood, New Jersey, where snowfall was expected to be light, to 25 bottles in such cities as Allentown and Reading, where the storm would likely deliver a punishing amount of snow.

Sowers posted the doctored image to his Twitter account on Sunday, but he soon deleted it.

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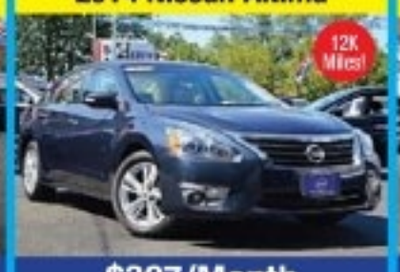

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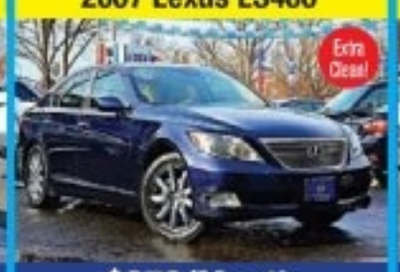

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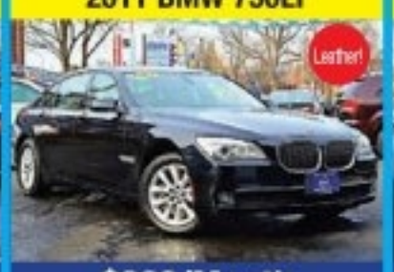

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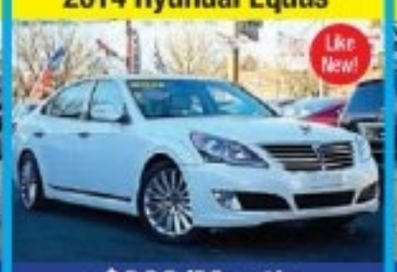

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EXPENSIVE LIFESTYLE

Philly burbs pricier than city

It costs a typical family more to live in a large U.S. city than in its surrounding suburbs, according to a survey conducted by two online companies.

However, the opposite is apparently true for Philadelphia and a few other cities.

Research by Care.com and Zillow found that Philadelphia's suburbs are the most expensive in the country. Suburbanites pay $13,849 a year more to support their lifestyles than families living in the City of Brotherly Love, the companies' report states.

House in Philadelphia suburb. GETTY IMAGES

The figures are based on families who own a home and have two children.

Most of the higher costs in the suburbs was related to property taxes and mortgage payments, the report states. Suburban homes are typically larger than those in the city, the authors note.

The nation's second-most-expense suburban area is Baltimore, where families pay $10,790 a year more than those living in the city, the report states.

To no one's surprise, families living in many of the nation's largest cities pay more than their neighbors in the suburbs. New York City tops the list. Families there pay $71,237 a year more to support their lifestyle than families in the surrounding suburbs.

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Former Penn State University Vice President Gary Schultz seen walking into court in Harrisburg in 2011. GETTY IMAGES

Two former Penn State officials cut deal in Sandusky cover-up, media say

Each faces up to five years in prison and a fine of $10,000.

A pair of former Penn State officials pleaded guilty on Monday to child endangerment charges to settle accusations that they helped cover up years of predatory sexual abuse by Jerry Sandusky, a former assistant football coach at the university.

Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, who served as athletic director and a senior vice president respectively during Sandusky's tenure, entered their pleas in Dauphin County Court, Penn Live reported. Each faces up to five years in prison and a fine of $10,000.

As part of the deal, prosecutors dismissed felony conspiracy charges against them, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. Curley was placed on administrative leave in 2012, and his contract was not renewed by Penn State the following year. Schultz retired in 2009.

Graham Spanier, the school's former president and the last remaining defendant in the cover-up case, is due to go on trial next week. Prosecutors could turn to Curley and Schultz to testify against Spanier, Penn Live reported.

Sandusky, 73, was convicted in June 2012 of 45 counts of sexual abuse involving 10 boys on campus and elsewhere. He is serving 30 to 60 years in state prison.

All three defendants had ignored reports that Sandusky, who coached at the university for three decades until 1999 under the legendary Joe Paterno, had sexually abused boys while he was associated with Penn State, prosecutors charged.

The revelations sullied the image of the university and resulted in sanctions against its once-vaunted football program. Beyond Penn State, the case raised uncomfortable questions about the insular world of big-time collegiate athletics.

Paterno was fired shortly after Sandusky's 2011 arrest, and he died about two months later.

Prosecutors said the three Penn State officials failed to notify authorities of a report by a witness who said he had seen Sandusky sexually assaulting a boy in a shower in the school's football complex in the early 2000s.

A spokesman for the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, which is prosecuting the case, declined to comment. Attorneys for the defendants could not immediately be reached. REUTERS

ISIS Mosul commander killed, government forces battle for bridge

A member of Iraq's elite Counterterrorism Service sits in an armed vehicle as they advance towards Mosul's al-Nasser neighbourhood on Tuesday during the ongoing offensive to retake the city from Islamic State group fighters. GETTY IMAGES

Iraqi government forces killed the Islamic State commander of Mosul's Old City on Tuesday as the battle for the militants' last stronghold in Iraq focused on a bridge crossing the Tigris river.

As fighting intensified on Tuesday after the previous day's heavy rains, civilians streamed out of western neighborhoods recaptured by the government, cold and hungry but relieved to be free of the militants' grip.

IS snipers were slowing the advance of Interior Ministry Rapid Response units on the Iron Bridge linking western and eastern Mosul but the elite forces were still inching forward, officers said.

Government forces also pushed into areas of western Mosul, Islamic State's last redoubt in the city that has been the de facto capital of their self-declared caliphate.

Federal police killed the military commander of the Old City, Abu Abdul Rahman al-Ansary, during operations to clear Bab al-Tob district, a federal police officer said. With many IS leaders having already retreated from Mosul, Ansary's death comes as blow to the militants as they defend their shrinking area of control street-by-street and house-by-house.

Capturing the Iron Bridge would mean Iraqi forces hold three of the five bridges in Mosul that span the Tigris, all of which have been damaged by the militants and U.S.-led air strikes. The southernmost two have already been retaken.

Near the Mosul Museum, Iraq forces used armored vehicles and tanks to attack snipers pinning down troops clearing areas around the bridge.

An airstrike targeting one Islamic State position hit a building, engulfing nearby troops in smoke and dust.

Since starting the offensive in October, Iraqi forces with U.S.-led coalition support have retaken eastern Mosul and about 30 percent of the west from the militants, who are outnumbered but fiercely defending their last stronghold in Iraq.

For much of Tuesday, the troops were within 330 feet of the bridge.

"It's very key for our forces to secure the riverside and prevent Daesh militants from turning around our advancing forces," a Rapid Response spokesman said in the morning, using an Arab acronym for Islamic State.

They expected to gain control of the Iron Bridge and the nearby area by the end of the day, he said. REUTERS

"We are still moving toward the Iron Bridge. We are taking out snipers hiding in the surrounding building, we are still pushing for the Iron Bridge."

Brigadier General Mahdi Abbas Abdullah

DEPT. OF JUSTICE

US gives Florida nightclub shooting victims nearly $8.5 million

The victims of a mass shooting at a Florida nightclub in June 2016 will receive nearly $8.5 million for emotional and financial support for victims' families, those wounded in the attack and responders, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Tuesday.

In a statement, the department's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) said the funds would be granted on Wednesday and distributed by officials in Florida, where 49 people were killed at a gay nightclub in Orlando in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Shooter Omar Mateen was killed in a shootout with police after he took hostages during a three-hour standoff inside the Pulse nightclub. He also wounded dozens more people in the June 12, 2016 attack.

"This award will reimburse victim services costs for operation of the Family Assistance Center in the immediate aftermath of the shooting, and ensure that victims, witnesses and first responders receive necessary services to help them adjust in the aftermath of violence, begin the healing process and cope with probable re-traumatization," Marilyn McCoy Roberts, the office's acting director, said in a statement.

Pulse nightclub GETTY IMAGES

Similar funding was provided to help victims in other mass shootings in recent years, including in San Bernardino, California, and Charleston, South Carolina, the department said in a statement. REUTERS

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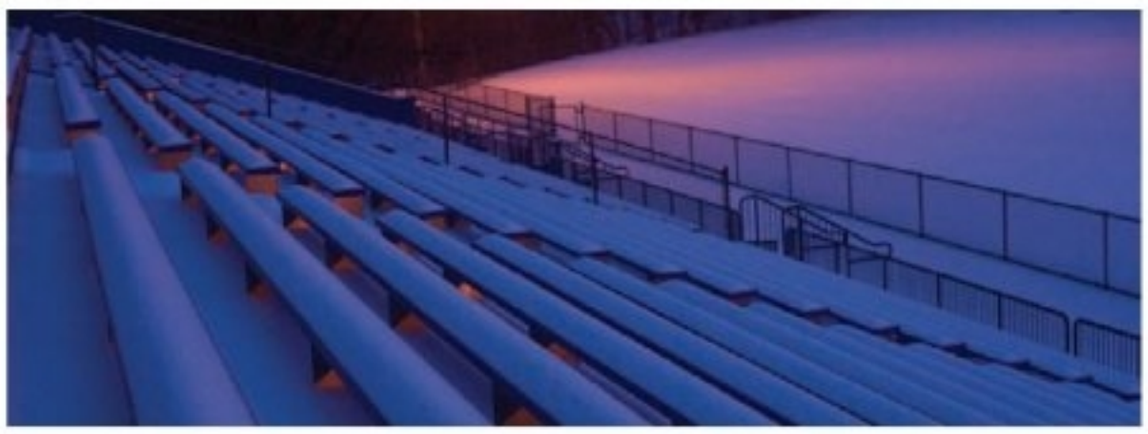

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Vienna again ranked world's nicest city, and Baghdad worst

Vienna, Austria's grand capital on the Danube River, has topped consulting firm Mercer's list of cities offering the highest quality of life for the eighth year in a row, while Baghdad is again considered the worst place to live.

The survey of 231 cities helps companies and organizations determine compensation and hardship allowances for international staff. It uses dozens of criteria such as political stability, health care, education, crime, recreation and transport.

Global centers London, Paris, Tokyo and New York City did not even make the top 30, lagging behind most big German, Scandinavian, Canadian, New Zealand and Australian cities.

Singapore was the highest ranked Asian city at 25, while 29th-placed San Francisco was the United States' highest entry. Top of the list in Africa was South Africa's Durban at 87.

Vienna's 1.8 million inhabitants benefit from the city's cafe culture and museums, theaters and operas. Rents and public transport costs in the city, whose architecture is marked by its past as the center of the Hapsburg empire, are cheap compared with other western capitals.

Switzerland's Zurich, New Zealand's Auckland, Germany's Munich and Canada's Vancouver followed Vienna in the top five of most pleasant cities to live in.

Baghdad was again ranked lowest in the world. Waves of sectarian violence have swept through the Iraqi capital since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

Culture and low costs help place Vienna, Austria, as the top city in the world in quality of life. GETTY IMAGES

Six years into Syria's bloody war, Damascus was ranked seventh from bottom, with Bangui in the Central African Republic, Yemeni capital Sanaa, Haiti's Port-au-Prince, Sudan's Khartoum and Chad's N'Djamena filling out the end of the list. REUTERS

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New York attorney general: Tillerson used email alias at Exxon to talk climate

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, the former chairman and chief executive of Exxon Mobil Corp., used an alias email address while at the oil company to send and receive information related to climate change and other matters, according to New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

The attorney general's office said in a letter on Monday that it found Tillerson had used an alias email address under the pseudonym "Wayne Tracker" from at least 2008 through 2015.

Wayne is Tillerson's middle name.

The letter was sent to a New York state judge overseeing Schneiderman's investigation into whether Exxon misled shareholders and the public about climate change.

Rex Tillerson GETTY IMAGES

In a statement on Monday, Exxon spokesman Alan Jeffers said, "The email address, Wayne.Tracker@exxonmobil.com, is part of the company's email system and was put in place for secure and expedited communications between select senior company officials and the former chairman for a broad range of business-related topics."

Jeffers said the company had provided 2.5 million pages of documents in response to a subpoena from Schneiderman's office and would respond to the claims in the letter in court filings.

A State Department spokeswoman declined to comment on the matter.

The letter, seen by Reuters, said Exxon had not previously disclosed the alias account. It asked the judge to order Exxon to explain whether documents from the "Wayne Tracker" email and 34 additional accounts assigned to other Exxon executives and board members had been preserved.

The letter said that Exxon had produced some 60 documents bearing the "Wayne Tracker" email but never said it was used by Tillerson for relevant communications at Exxon. REUTERS

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Adorable BBC viral family opens up

The internet's favorite family is here, and they're speaking out about going viral.

Robert Kelly, an expert on East Asian affairs, Skyped in once again to BBC — but this time he was joined by his wife Kim Jung-A and their little ones intentionally.

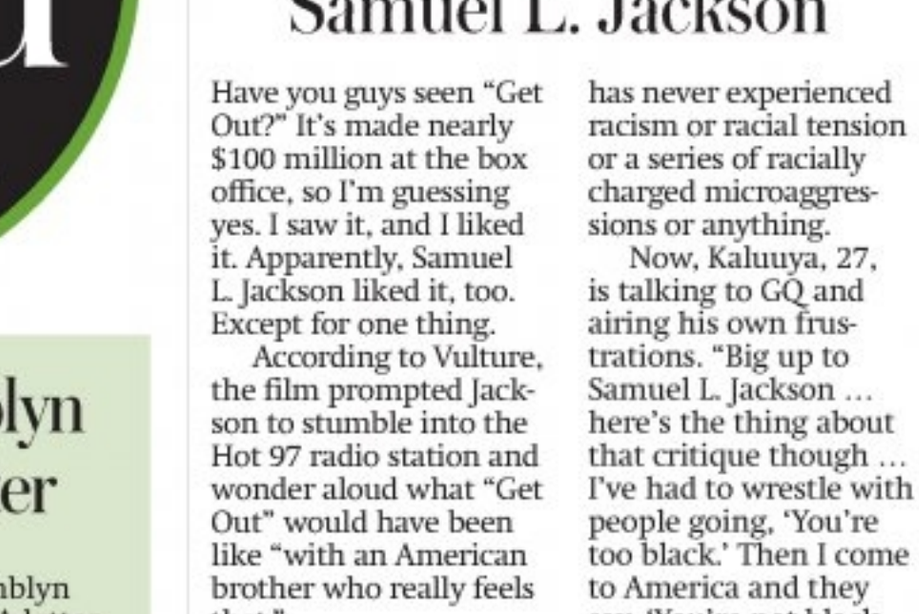
Honestly, they seem embarrassed by the attention while their daughter, ever the real star of the show these people call their daily lives, bumbles about being super cute and noncooperative. "It's a comedy of errors," Kelly recalls fondly of the viral video. "[Our daughter] was in a hippity-hoppity mood."

Someone get this girl her own show, please.

Alison Brie and Dave Franco tie the knot

Another day, another low-key, quiet marriage. People reports that actors Dave Franco, 31, and Alison Brie, 34, have secretly wed. At this point, do celebrities get married any other way?

The couple has notoriously stayed under the radar during the entirety of their relationship, but Brie — who you might remember from "Community" or "Mad Men" — opened up last year about finding the strong eyebrow'd love of her life. "Marriage never really interested me, I guess because I was very focused on my work," she told Yahoo! Style. "I just met that person that I was like, 'Well, I'm really in love with you, and would like to grow old with you.'" Aw.



The couple announced their engagement in August 2015 after three years of dating. They met at a Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans which, somehow, seems about right. Honestly, maybe we should all be finding love at debaucherous, colorful celebrations in sweaty, party cities. It's not the worst idea.

Rachel Lindsay has a high tolerance for BS

Our long national nightmare — the 21st season of "The Bachelor" — is finally over. But "The Bachelorette" has just begun, and it already looks like it's going to be one of those terrifying waking dreams that you can't quite snap out of.

Even though it's 2017, the franchise is proving that it has no idea how to deal with race. And Rachel Lindsay, who is making major waves as the first black Bachelorette, is already dealing with some racially charged skullduggery. When "The Bachelorette" introduced a handful of the contestants who would be vying for Lindsay's heart, things took an awkward, supremely ignorant turn.

Some future contestant/random dude named Dean had this to say upon meeting his maybe future wife: "I'm ready to go black, and I'm never going back." Ex-squeeze me?

Lindsay handled it with poise and grace because she's a professional, I guess. But according to Refinery29, Twitter wasn't having it.

Can we all just agree that this upcoming season is probably going to go up in flames?

I, for one, can't wait.

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What Amber Tamblyn named her daughter

Remember sweet baby Mustard Witch? Turns out Amber Tamblyn and husband David Cross were trolling us all with that birth announcement. Called it!

Tamblyn, 33, took to Instagram to share her daughter's real name — and a sweet letter that Hillary Clinton wrote the tot.

Writing about the letter, which essentially congratulates Marlow Alice Cross on being so brave as to be born, Tamblyn says, "A letter from one spectacular woman who has lived so much to another who has only just begun. My heart is as full as this diaper I'm about to change."

This baby is not even a month old, and she's getting letters from the lady who was supposed to be president.

I see you, Marlow. Doing the damn thing while still in diapers. Good on you.

'Get Out' star has some words for Samuel L. Jackson

Have you guys seen "Get Out?" It's made nearly $100 million at the box office, so I'm guessing yes. I saw it, and I liked it. Apparently, Samuel L. Jackson liked it, too. Except for one thing.

According to Vulture, the film prompted Jackson to stumble into the Hot 97 radio station and wonder aloud what "Get Out" would have been like "with an American brother who really feels that."

The film stars Daniel Kaluuya, a black British actor with Ugandan parents who probably has never experienced racism or racial tension or a series of racially charged microaggressions or anything.

Now, Kaluuya, 27, is talking to GQ and airing his own frustrations. "Big up to Samuel L. Jackson … here's the thing about that critique though … I've had to wrestle with people going, 'You're too black.' Then I come to America and they say, 'You're not black enough.'" He continued, "I resent that I have to prove that I'm black."

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The animated feature "Inuyasha" by Rumiko Takahashi will be screened at the 2017 Women in Animation Film Festival. PROVIDED

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Moore College presents Women in Animation Film Festival.

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The 2017 MooreWomenArtists: Women in Animation Film Festival runs from Thursday, March 23, through Sunday, March 26, featuring screenings of animated films as well as interactive panels.

Founded in 1848, Moore College of Art & Design is the nation's first and only women's visual-arts school for undergraduates, and therefore a very appropriate place to host such an event. Along with a screening of the animated feature "Inuyasha" by Rumiko Takahashi, the festival will also present shorts like 2016's "Window Horses," which features the voices of Sandra Oh and Ellen Page.

Animation meets music in an audio collage mixtape by Jessica Ciocci, founding member of the art collective Paper Rad out of Pittsburgh and Providence, Rhode Island. Filmmaker and animator Emily Hubley will also be there, screening a collection of her work and that of her mother, Faith Hubley, who passed away in 2001. Besides viewing the films, guests can participate in discussions, an Adobe Creative jam and the annual panel featuring female game designers.

This is an important event for Moore, as it's graduating its first group of students majoring in animation and game arts in May. You don't want to miss coming together with this amazing group of women.

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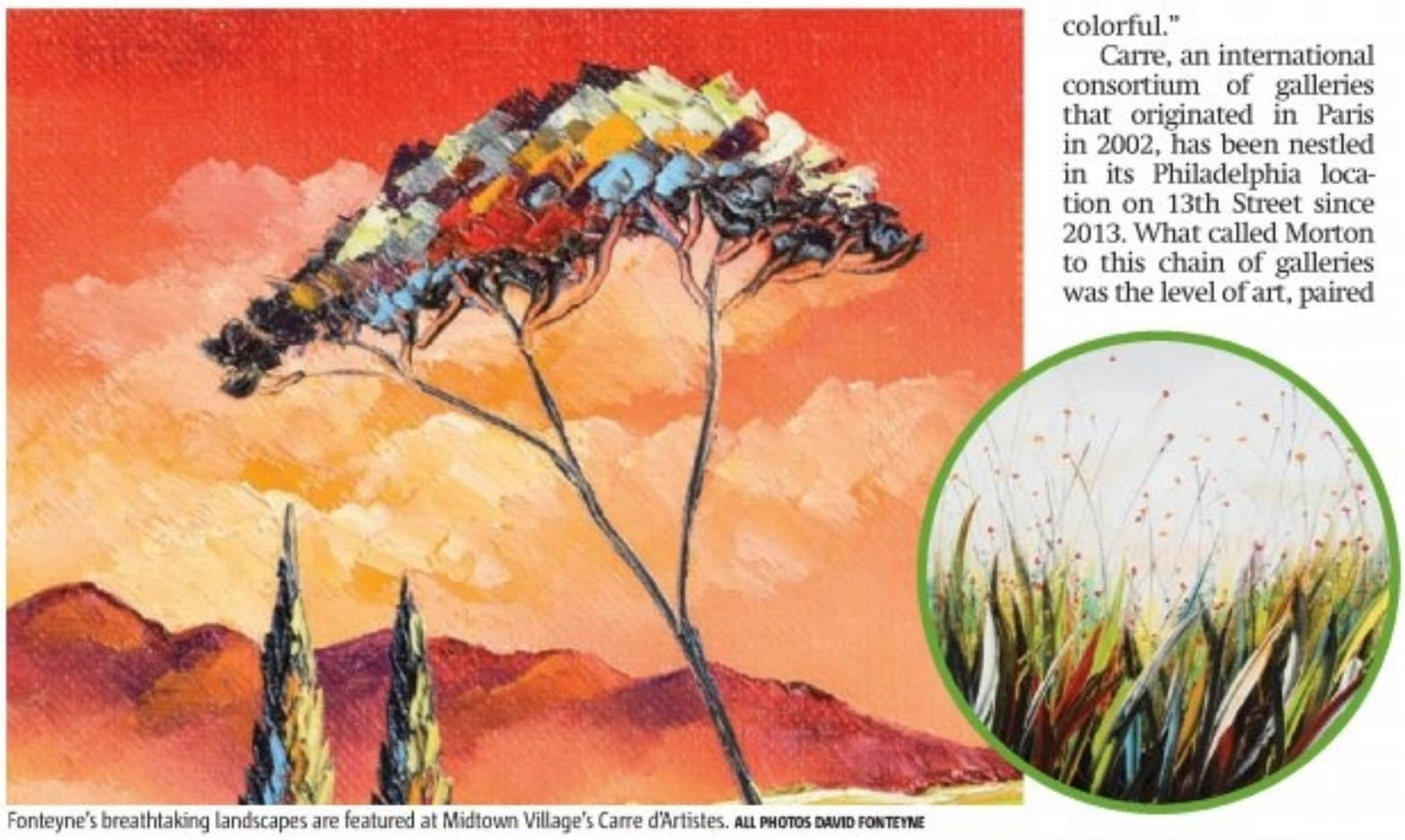

Fonteyne's breathtaking landscapes are featured at Midtown Village's Carre d'Artistes. ALL PHOTOS DAVID FONTEYNE

Owner of Carre d'Artistes gallery Debbie Morton says when someone watches French painter David Fonteyne work, they almost always ask, "How long does it take to dry?"

Fonteyne, a landscape and seascape artist based in Mougeres, France, works mostly with oil paint, layering color after dramatic color to create breathtaking scenes of the South of France countryside.

Fonteyne is one of Morton's featured large-format artists showcasing this month at Carre d'Artistes. Inside the Center City gallery's cozy space, Fonteyne will create two to three pieces, answer questions about his work, explain his technique and autograph pieces for buyers.

According to Morton, his work fulfills the contemporary gallery's landscape needs for the time being. But what drew her to the artist's work initially was his technique.

"I was drawn to this use of oils," she admits. "It's almost sculptural, supervibrant and supercolorful."

Carre, an international consortium of galleries that originated in Paris in 2002, has been nestled in its Philadelphia location on 13th Street since 2013. What called Morton to this chain of galleries was the level of art, paired with its affordability.

She wandered into a Carre in Paris in 2013 with no intentions of buying, and walked out with a tryptic of paintings. No one wakes up wanting to buy a piece of art, Morton says, but her gallery begs for patrons from the sidewalk with open windows that, at the end of this month, will feature Fonteyne busy at work with his brush and palate knife.

"Your typical gallery experience is very hands-off, it's not necessarily very interactive," she notes. "So we're all about handling the art — let us show you the art. Everything is very accessible. My experience with galleries was not that way before."

Inside the space, original works are stacked with a description of each artist — in English and French — ready for buyers to browse (and touch).

Fonteyne will be at Carre d'Artistes at 104 S. 13th St. on March 25 and 26 from 12-7 p.m.

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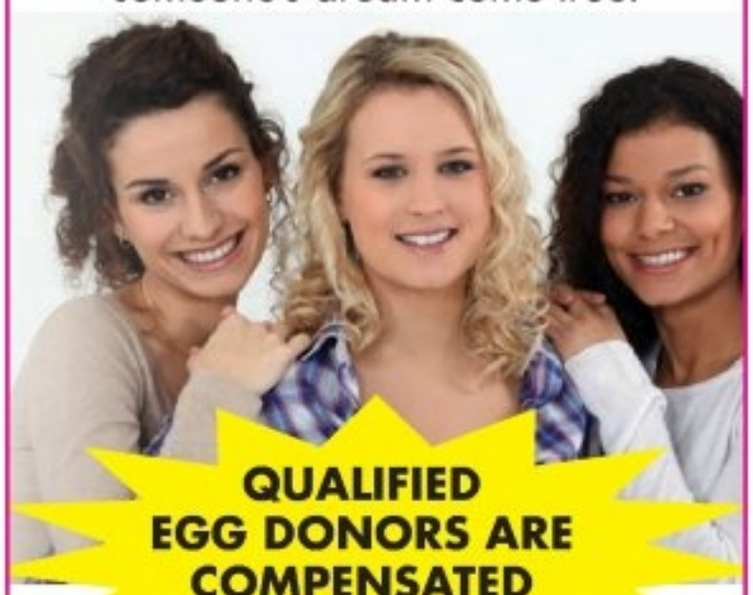

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Jim Broadbent on that time he won an Oscar

The acclaimed actor talks about his new drama, "The Sense of an Ending."

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Charlotte Rampling and Jim Broadbent play ex-lovers in "The Sense of an Ending," in theaters Friday. CBS FILMS

Jim Broadbent's memories of winning an Oscar are a little fuzzy. It was 2002, and the acclaimed English actor won Best Supporting Actor for "Iris," in which he played the older version of writer John Bayley opposite Judi Dench, as novelist Iris Murdoch. Then again, who needs a memory? After all, there's video of it, right there on YouTube.

"I've never watched that," Broadbent says, chuckling. "I think I'd probably be embarrassed to see it again. Quite a lot of that has to do with how I forgot to thank two of the producers during my acceptance speech. I don't like to remind myself of that."

Broadbent is a man of many faces. He can be over-the-top, as in "Moulin Rouge!" He can be lovable, as the dad of the "Bridget Jones" films. And he can be gritty; he's made four theatrical features with the legendary Mike Leigh. (That includes "Topsy-Turvy," our favorite of turn of his.)

The real Broadbent, though, is shy, quiet, modest almost to a fault. You get the sense that he takes a diversity of roles to explore how everyone else lives.

So it goes with "The Sense of an Ending," a too-rare film with Broadbent at the center. He plays Tony Webster, a retired divorcé who flashes back to his youth, when he learns about the passing of an old acquaintance.

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"He's actually not really grown-up," Broadbent says. "A lot of us older people who like to think we're mature and grown-up and know what we're about, I think we're still anxious and vulnerable and as arrogant and flawed as when we were 20. We just get better at disguising it, really. We become better at editing our life and behaving, supposedly, properly. But we're still as complicated as we were when we were students, in many ways."

That's a feeling some of us suspect is true even as early as in our 30s. "I'm constantly astonished that I'm 67 years old and approaching 70. I think I'm just starting to think maybe somewhere down the line I'll get the hang of things. You never feel you've gotten there, that you've achieved any sort of wisdom.

"Sorry to lay that on you," he adds, chuckling again.

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How to have more sex

Sexperts weigh in on how to cure a dry spell.

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Skipping ice cream and hitting the gym may not be most people's idea of fun, but few would argue the merits of having sex — an activity that's pleasurable and good for you. But as with most enjoyable pastimes, life and all of its stressors often get in the way. So, it may not surprise you that according to a study published in the journal Archives of Sexual Behavior, Americans' sex lives have been drastically declining in recent years.

If this statement applies to you, break the cycle! We spoke with three sexperts to get their tips on what you can do ... to do it more often.

Love yourself naked

Project Soulmate matchmakers Jennifer Zucher and Lori Zaslow say it's important to feel confident and not be afraid to make the first move. "If you love yourself and feel sexy then you will be more confident in the bedroom, which will turn your partner on," says Zucher. "So be comfortable in your own skin and wear lingerie that makes you feel sexy."

Ditch the bed

"It's important to mix up where you're having sex to keep things interesting and keep your partner on their toes. Try the kitchen table, bathroom, and balcony — be creative!" says Zucher. You can also try role playing. Ask your partner their fantasies and make them into a reality — and don't just act out the part, dress for it, too, she says.

Plan for spontaneity

"We're all busy and sometimes we even have to schedule our sex lives," says Tristan Weedmark, We-Vibe's "global passion ambassador."

"So planning and talking to your partner about your mutual openness for quickies lets you take advantage of those 10 minutes that just freed up in your schedules."

Try something new

Don't get stuck in a sexual rut. Instead of being bummed out, take it as an opportunity to inject some novelty into your routine. Weedmark suggests visiting a couples-friendly adult store together. "The point is to find a new product that will be a bonding experience and to give you both a laugh or two."

If you're not having sex, you're not alone. Here are a few tricks to get back in the saddle. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

Show affection

Terri Cole, relationship expert and the founder of the Real Love Revolution, says there are many small ways to show your partner you're still into her. "To reignite the heat, I suggest leaving sweet/sexy notes in pockets, briefcase, under a pillow etc.," she says. Or, go big: "Get a hotel room, add lingerie to the mix or give a full-body massage that leads to slow, hot sex."

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We think Florida Gulf Coast has the potential to be Cinderellas again. GETTY IMAGES

Every year, millions of college basketball fans pick their brackets, act timidly when choosing a 14, 13 or 12 seed to advance, and then kick themselves when they watch it happen (or half watch it happen while pretending to work on the best Thursday and Friday in all of sports).

This year there is the potential for upset specials up and down the four regions, and below we'll break down the five most likely. Pick them if you dare.

No. 12 UNC Wilmington over No. 5 Virginia

When big upsets occur, they almost always startle a big conference juggernaut that didn't see it coming. In No. 5 Virginia's case, the writing is on the wall. UNCW has a prolific offense while the Cavaliers rely on a stout defense. But Virginia is young and their defense can falter, as it did toward the end of the season. The 22-10 Cavs lost six of eight, then won four in a row, but then fell to Notre Dame by 15 points in the ACC Tournament. The Irish play very similarly to the Seahawks. Ranking 27th in RPI, 29-5 UNCW is better than a 12, and could do some real damage.

No. 14 Florida Gulf Coast over No. 3 Florida State

One of the most exciting upsets in college hoops history was when No. 15 Florida Gulf Coast, in one of its first seasons ever as a Division I team, shocked No. 2 Georgetown in 2013. The program has since become a powerhouse in the Atlantic Sun and have won 19 of their last 21 games heading into the tournament. They won the regular season and tournament crown and have their eyes set on upsetting in-state rivals the Seminoles. FGCU (26-7) scores nearly all of its points inside the arc and shoots over 57 percent on 2-pointers. Florida State (25-8) faltered in its conference tournament, dropping in the ACC finals to Notre Dame. This could be Cinderella part two if Florida Gulf Coast converts a high volume of high-percentage shots.

No. 12 Middle Tennessee over No. 5 Minnesota

The Gophers showed some big weaknesses in the Big 10 Tournament as they were picked apart by eventual champions Michigan. They barely average six more points than their opponents and have been OK, not great, against ranked teams. Only four times since 1985 has at least one No. 12 seed failed to defeat a five-seed in a single tournament and Middle Tennessee, ranked with the 35th best RPI in the nation could be the best bet for one of these such upsets. MTSU went 30-4 this season and beat Vanderbilt by 23 points. According to fivethirthyeight.com they have a 48 percent chance of winning, among the best for any underdog.

No. 11 Xavier over No. 6 Maryland

These two teams are incredibly evenly matched, as Xavier sports an RPI rank of 36 while Maryland is 34th. The Musketeers are big and can rebound as good as any team in the nation. Despite going just 9-9 in the Big East, they played a difficult schedule and have a favorable matchup in the first round. Maryland relies on guard play, particularly that of leading scorer Melo Tremble. Battling in the below-average Big 10, Maryland has lost six of its last 10 games, a trend it will fight hard to buck when things tip off Thursday.

No. 11 Rhode Island over No. 6 Creighton

The A-10 has historically had a good track record in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, and the Rhodies appear best suited to be the conferences representative in the Round of 32. No. 11 seeds in the tourney are just 13-15 since 2010. Both Creighton and Rhode Island (24-9) made deep conference tournament runs and are playing some of their best ball. Each has RPI and BPI numbers inside the top 35, with Rhode Island boasting a 3-1 record against AP top 25 squads. They are also 10-2 in their last 12, in comparison to the Blue Jays (25-9) who are 6-6 in that span.

Bring on the in-state hate

Even with the Flyers fizzling out of the Eastern Conference playoff race, there's never a dull moment when the Penguins come to town. Philly has revenge on its mind, after dropping the Stadium Series game in Heinz Field to Pittsburgh last month. They'll also welcome back Mark Streit, who was traded to the Lightning and then the Penguins on deadline day. The puck drops at 7 p.m. on CSN. EVAN MACY. PHOTO COURTESY GETTY IMAGES

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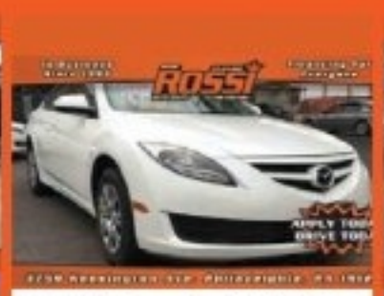

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Travis Konecny has had quite the up-and-down season during his rookie campaign. GETTY IMAGES

Flyers rookie Konecny feels responsible for recent ugly loss against Blue Jackets

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The Philadelphia rookie has been hard on himself despite solid play of late.

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Despite recording the first multigoal game of his infant career and completing probably his best performance as a Flyer, rookie Travis Konecny hung his head low and spoke barley above a whisper following Tuesday's 5-3 loss to the Blue Jackets.

The 20-year-old forward took the loss hard and even pinned it on himself.

With the teams knotted at 3-3 midway through the third period, Konecny was headed across the ice to the bench when he took a minor detour and plowed into a Blue Jackets player. He was given a penalty for the unnecessary hit, and Brandon Dubinsky scored the go-ahead goal on the ensuing power play.

Following the game, a dejected Konecny felt he cost his team two crucial points.

"It's kind of the only thing on my mind right now," Konecny said. "I kind of let the game get to me. ... It's a stupid penalty and honestly I put the game in my hands there. It's unacceptable."

Sure, the kid was being a little too hard on himself, but Konecny is known as an emotional player on the ice. During a game where he injected himself into scrums and was also the target in others, his emotions simply caught up to, and got the best of, him.

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NUMBER OF POINTS ROOKIE FORWARD TRAVIS KONECNY HAS SCORED IN 56 GAMES, TIED FOR 14TH BEST OF ALL FIRST-YEAR PLAYERS.

And he knows it.

"I was just high on adrenaline going into the third period," said Konecny. "It's a tough pill to swallow right now, but I have to learn from it."

And he will.

It was a good, but costly, lesson. In similar situations in the future, it's easy to assume Konecny will hold his emotions in check.

Coach Dave Hakstol spoke to Konecny after the game about the penalty but said the conversation will remain between him and his young player.

"We do things as a team, that's the bottom line," he said. "Whether it's a good result or a bad result, everything is as a team. That's the way it is."

As a team, the Flyers went a dismal 1-for-8 on the man advantage and had multiple defensive breakdowns, including a two-on-none breakaway that led to Columbus' second goal.

"The loss was not [his fault], but for a young kid to take responsibility like that I am sure he feels bad," forward Brayden Schenn said. "He shouldn't carry that loss on his shoulders, though."

Konecny, who has three goals and an assist in his last five games, had a third goal waved off when the net came off its moorings.

"The way he competed is the type of player we want," captain Claude Giroux said. "He was on the puck, he made some great plays and it was one of his best games this year."

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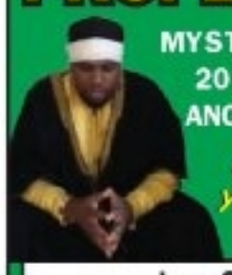

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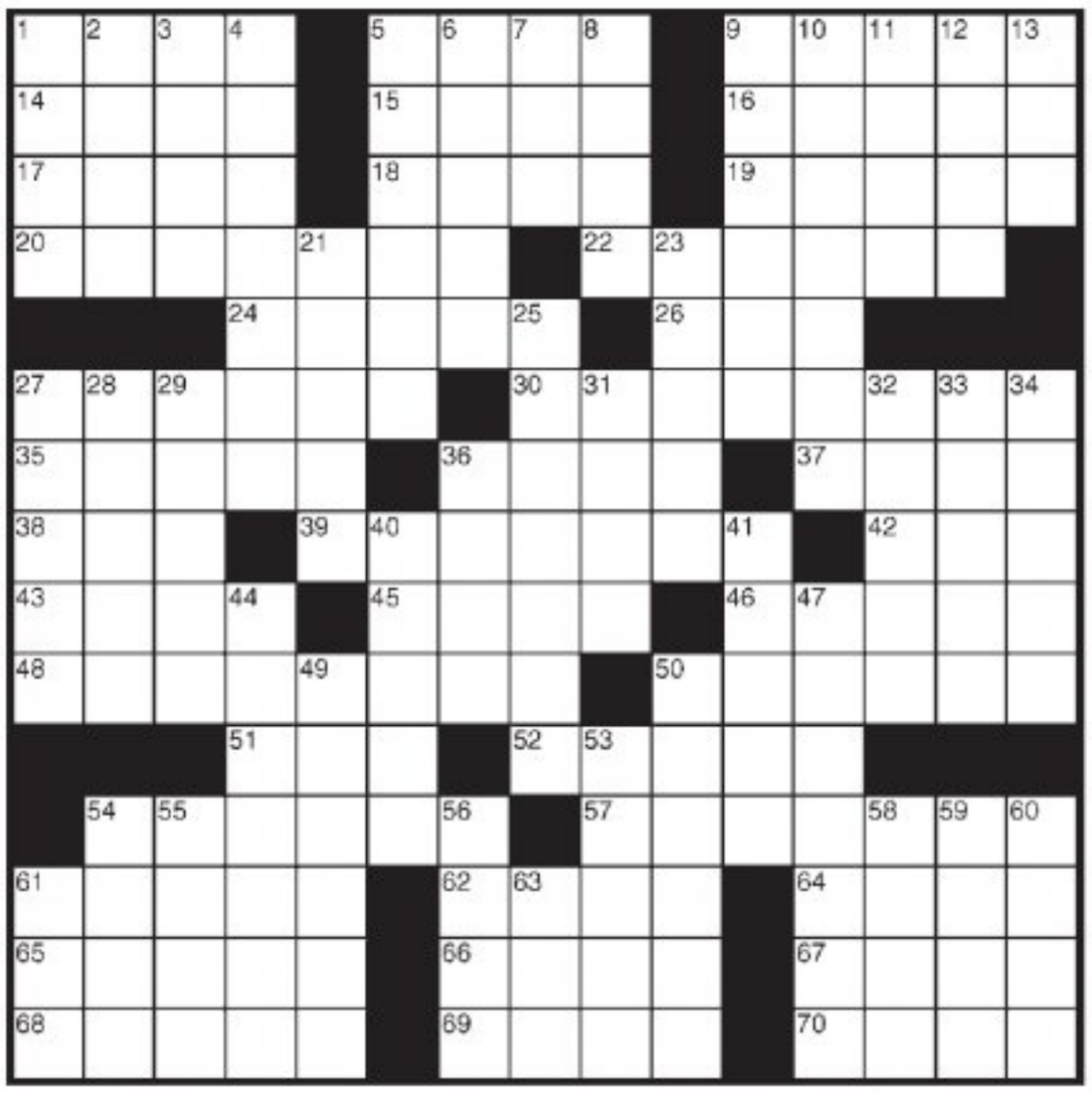

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Taurus Take control of situations that concern your assets, health or occupation. Don't wait to see what happens, when you should step up and manipulate the situation.

Gemini Stay focused on building your assets. Professional changes will put you in a better position to rise to the top. Invest in what you want to pursue.

Cancer An unusual destination will prompt you to consider options that you have neglected to explore in the past. Don't limit what you can do.

Leo Be careful when moving forward. Get all the facts before making a commitment. Anger will take charge if you let someone get away with something.

Virgo Take the initiative to set your plans in motion. Being proactive will pay off and show others that you mean business. It's what you do, not what you say, that counts.

Libra Money matters will lead to emotional stress and uncertainty. Joint ventures will not turn out as hoped, leaving you in a precarious position if you didn't take precautions.

Scorpio Emotional matters will creep up on you. Look for alternative ways to deal with trouble. Explosive tactics will not bring you the satisfaction you need to move forward.

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Qualified participants must: • Be 18 or older • Be taking prescribed antidepressant medication • Be currently experiencing a depressive episode

Insurance is not required to participate in our study, and all study-related care and study medications are provided at no charge.

Transportation and compensation up to $7,500 for time and travel may be available.

For more information, call toll-free 866-264-4545 or visit HRITrials.com

Do you have bipolar disorder?

Are you currently experiencing depression?

If so, please contact HRI Trials today about research studies of investigational medications for bipolar depression.

Qualified participants must:

• Be at least 18 years of age • Currently experience symptoms of Bipolar disorder

Qualified participants receive:

• All study-related evaluations and study medication at no cost

• Compensation up to $600.00 for time and travel

For more information, call 866-350-6464

Do you or a loved one have schizophrenia?

If so, please contact CCR Trials today about inpatient and outpatient medical research studies

Qualified participants must:

• Be at least 18 years of age

• Currently experience symptoms of Schizophrenia

Qualified participants receive:

• All study related evaluations and study medication at no cost

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